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My dear Sir: Your article in U.S. N + W. R. of Sept 5 on Communism:

You have made many statements, to which, I am sure, exception could be taken, but I shall confine myself herein to one or two.

You belittle the performance of the Soviets in World War II, p. 88. In 1943 an American commentator wrote:

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"The United States and Great Britain will give Hitler some powerful blows before peace comes -- the most important being daily visits of huge fleets of fighting ships over Germany -- but to the Russians must go the credit for standing up to the Nazi beast, stopping him, bleeding his men white, and preparing the stage for the knockout. Without Russia doing most of the dirty work, we would be in a dreadful fix today. If the Russians hadn't fought so gloriously we would be facing another 10

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years of war, with a 50-50 chance of getting whipped. I believe this war will last another 10 months. In short, the Russians have saved the Americans and the British about 10 years of prodigious fighting, perhaps at a cost of more than \$500,000,000,000, to say nothing of the many British and American lives that have been saved. And last, but by no means least, Russia has helped greatly to preserve our very precious and highly-prized "way of life."

Furthermore, says this same commentator, if Russia's offer to join France and Britain in 1938 in an attack on Germany if it entered Czechoslovakia (which country had a fine army of its own) had been accepted, Nazism might then have been checked and the greater war averted.

In 1954, Mr. William E. Miller, editor of the Capital Times of Madison, Wis., wrote an article on the best way to prevent Communism coming to the U.S.

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from which I quote:

"If Communism ever comes to this Country it will come from another depression -- when millions of people are hungry and out of jobs; when millions of farms and homes are being lost thru mortgage foreclosures and when business is paralyzed because people do not have enough money to buy the necessities of life.... This is what Moscow is banking on -- mass hunger and poverty have been the allies of Communism in its parade across the face of the earth.

"Political demagogues (McCarthy, Jenner, Hickenlooper, Velde, Byrd), who have seized Communism as an issue with which to divert the attention of the people from their service to peep and privilege, are poor reeds on which to lean in the fight against Communism. Meanwhile they can always be depended upon to vote against all measures to make life better for more people -- protection against dependency in old age; unemployment & occupational

hazards, protection for others

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savings, decent housing, medical care at a price they can afford; farm price supports, based on the knowledge that a healthy agriculture is potent insurance against Communism; the placing of electricity on the farms; the right of labor to bargain for a fair share of the wealth it creates and the extension of educational opportunity. Has anyone ever seen any evidence of any devotion to this type of insurance against Communism on the part of McCarthy, Jenner, et al. and their interest-serving colleagues in the Senate?

Upton Sinclair, in "The Goose-Steps"

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says: "Whenever any sizeable group of people claim to have important new ideas to back the wars, they should be given a hearing in college; if their ideas are unsound, let it be the business of the college to produce someone on the same platform to expose that unsoundness. Run Anarchists, Communists, etc. on lecture tours

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in colleges and universities in a debate with some thoroughly trained expert in the history of social evolution. Let all the students hear them and keep them answering questions. If there is truth in their views it will spread, and if there is error the students will be inoculated against it for life.

Referring to your statements that "Marx was the meanest, least admirable character in his relations with other human beings; that he was an unoriginal theoretical thinker";

Perhaps Marx was somewhat, or very, crutchy, which might be due to the deprivations not only he but his family had to endure; but just why, or how, that should affect his philosophy on economics, etc. isn't quite clear.

As to Marx being an "unoriginal theoretical thinker," -- Mr. E. R. A. Seligman, one-time professor (capitalist variety) of economics at Columbia University (also capitalist variety) in his "Economic Interpretation

of History says:

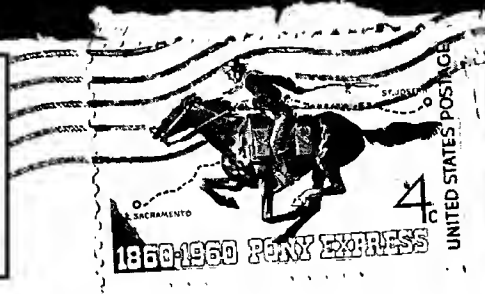
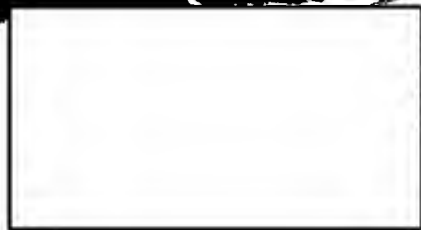
"Whether or not we agree with Marx's analysis of industrial society, and without attempting as yet to pass judgment upon the validity of his philosophical doctrine, it is safe to say that no one can study Marx so he deserves to be studied -- and, let us add, as he has hitherto not been studied in England or America -- without recognizing the fact that, perhaps with the exception of Ricardo, there has been no more original, no more powerful, and no more acute intellect in the entire history of economic science." (underlining mine.).

Thanking you for whatever attention you may care to give this communication, believe me, with best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

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